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TO SCHNEIDER FROM PINAJIAN

1. DAE CHAIRMAN SETHNA TRIED CONTACT USAEC SCIREP BY PHONE
ON AT LEAST TWO OCCASIONS PRIOR MCCASKILL CALL OCTOBER 10. HE
CALLED AGAIN MONRING OCT 11 AND ENQUIRED ABOUT FORD FOUNDATION
SUPPORTED STUDY OF THE PILFERAGE OF NUCLEAR MATERIALS. USAEC
SCIREP RESPONSE ALONG LINES PREVIOUS WEEK WHEN SETHNA FIRST
ENQUIRED ABOUT STUDY. REPORT FINISHED BUT HAS NOT BE RELEASED.
AND USAEC WILL ATTEMPT OBTAIN COPY.

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2. SETHNA THEN INFORMED USAEC SCIREP OF MCCASKILL VISIT AND

STATED HE WAS VERY THANKFUL OF BEING INFORMED ABOUT THIS MATTER. HE EXPRESSED CONCERN THAT NEPALI MIGHT APPROACH A MINISTER OR MEMBER OF PARLIAMENT IN NEW DELHI AND CAUSE QUOTE UNHEARD OF PROBLEMS TO ME UNQUOTE. SETHNA TOOK INITIATIVE OFFER USE OF PU-BE NEUTRON SOURCE FOR A QUOTE ON THE SPOT ANALYSIS OF THE MATERIAL IN DELHI UNQUOTE. SETHNA PREFERRED FIRST TO CLEAR FEASIBILITY OF IDEA WITH BARC DIRECTOR RAMANNA NOTED EXPORT ON DETAILS OF ANALYSIS. HE PROMISED CONTACT USAEC SCIREP 1530 HOURS WITH OUTCOME OF THIS DISCUSSION USAEC SCI REP STATED HE WOULD RELAY SETHNA'S OFFER TO EMBASSY.

3. SETHNA EXPRESSED CONCERN THAT USG MIGHT BE QUOTE ASSOCIATING UNQUOTE UNAUTHORIZED SHIPMENT OF NUCLEAR MATERIALS TO FRG WITH THE NEPALESE AFFAIR. USAEC SCI REP ASSURED HI THAT IF THIS WAS THE CASE HE WAS NOT PRIVY TO SUCH DISCUSSIONS AND THAT HE DOUBTED THAT THE TWO WERE DISCUSSED IN SAME CONTEXT BY US OFFICIALS.

4. DAE CHAIRMAN CALLED 1505 HOURS AND INFORMED USAEC SCI REP THAT PORTABLE PU-BE SOURCE NOT AVAILABLE AND RESULTS OF SUCH AN ANALYSIS WOULD BE INCONCLUSIVE ANYWAY. SUGGESTED MASS SPECTROGRAPHIC ANALYSIS BEST APPROACH. HE OFFERED DAE FACILITIES FOR THIS TEST WITH EITHER USAEC SCI REP OR OTHER USG OFFICIALS PRESENT DURING ANALYSIS.

5. USAEC SCI REP THANKED CHAIRMAN ASSURED HIM THAT INFO WOULD BE RELAYED AND THAT HE WOULD KEEP CHAIRMAN INFORMED.
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